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21 August 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Information

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a. Seasonal rains have slowed progress in construction of the station. However, all masonry work is now complete, roof trusses are assembled and set in place, electric conduit and outlet boxes are being installed, and work is well along on installation on the security fence.

b. Construction of housing is progressing satisfactorily. Heavy seasonal rains have slowed outside work somewhat.

c. [REDACTED] East Coast Bureau French monitor, will depart 6 September for Kaduna, Nigeria. He will remain there for approximately three months to assist in the training of monitors recruited for the African Bureau. 50X1

2. Latin America

a. Project Engineer [REDACTED] is still on standby orders to travel to Puerto Rico to take measurements on the electrostatic cloud discharge noise as soon as he receives word from the STARCOM unit at Ft. Allen that this noise has begun to build up to its seasonal peak. While in Puerto Rico [REDACTED] will also use a newly established basis for a more scientific approach to reception surveys. [REDACTED] 50X1 50X1

b. To increase its coverage of Latin American broadcasts, the Panama Post hired two Spanish monitors and a teletypist during the month. An editor will be assigned to the Post in early fall to permit the establishment of an evening shift. Equipment required to implement the projected expansion of coverage is enroute to Panama from WCB and on requisition from headquarters stock. [REDACTED] 50X1

3. VOA interest in additional land for several high powered short-wave transmitters and associated receivers in the Central Western Pacific has involved Okinawa and other Ryukyus Islands in a search for a suitable site. The USIA Director of Engineering has assured FBIS an early opportunity to review with USIA the mutual suitability of any promising site. [REDACTED] 50X1

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4. [] chief of the Bloc Internal Affairs Section, RPB, spent two days at the Geneva conference on Laos while in Europe to attend a meeting on Soviet historiography. He reported that the Agency representative on the U.S. delegation had high praise for the quality of the support FBIS has been providing the delegation and had no suggestions for improving either the selection of raw copy by field bureaus or the classified analyses prepared by RPB. FBIS's material has been used as background for the negotiators, in the preparation of Ambassador Harriman's speeches, and in background talks given representatives of the press. []

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5. On 27 July, at the request of the Director's Office, a Special Memorandum for delivery to the White House was issued containing a roundup of initial foreign radio and press reaction to President Kennedy's radio and television speech on the Berlin crisis. Later the same day a World Reaction Series report, presenting foreign comment in greater detail, was published. []

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6. On 31 July an area supplement containing text of the CPSU Draft Program was issued for general distribution. About 700 extra copies were printed to accommodate the demand for this important document, the first of its kind since 1919. On 11 August the draft program was republished in special format, by the photo offset process, for distribution to Agency missions abroad. []

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7. The word "logograph" has been replaced by the term "sourceline" to designate the identification of the transmitter, beam, date and time of transmission, etc., in FBIS copy. FBIS's esoteric use of the word "logograph" has long caused confusion among the uninitiated outside our Service. The new term "sourceline" should henceforth be used in all official communications. []

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8. On 8 August the text of Khrushchev's 7 August radio and television speech was published as an area supplement, and another supplement the following day contained text of the CPSU Draft Statutes. []

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9. On 196 items included in the Current Intelligence Digest during July, 73 (37 percent) were based solely or in part on FBIS monitoring. []

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10. During the month 85 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to broadcast material and 15 percent to press scrutiny. []

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PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT []

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1. Radio Propaganda Reports issued:

- a. "Alterations in Radio Moscow Broadcasts to the CPR, Albania"

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- b. "CPSU Draft Statutes Reaffirm Recent Organizational Trends"
- 2. Propaganda Analysis Items on the FBIS Wire:
 - a. "No Sino-Soviet Bloc Comment on New Congo Premier"
 - b. "First Khrushchev Discussion of Alleged U.S. Plans for Neutron Bomb"
- 3. RPB Special Services:
 - a. Information was supplied to the Director, at his request, on the degree to which Moscow's propaganda on Berlin for domestic consumption differed from its treatment of the crisis for audiences abroad. Relevant extracts from the draft Trends and Highlights of 15 August were sent forward along with a brief memorandum summing up the propaganda pattern.
 - b. An index of Khrushchev's more than 120 public references to Berlin and the German problem since November 1958, with Daily Report page references, was compiled in response to requests from the White House staff and the State Department. Copies were sent to the Legislative Counsel for Representative Kastenmaier, who had made a similar request, and to the DD/I's Intelligence Support Staff.
 - c. The Trends and Highlights sections covering Soviet propaganda on the Berlin crisis are being used by the State Department in preparing weekly background papers for officials at the policy level. The Department receives advance drafts of the Trends for this purpose.
 - d. Eighty-two daily analyses of Soviet, CPR, Hanoi, and Lao dissident propaganda have been cabled so far to the U.S. delegation at the Geneva conference on Laos.
 - e. Analyses of Moscow propaganda on disarmament were prepared daily for the U.S. negotiator at the U.S.-Soviet bilateral talks on disarmament in Moscow from 17 to 29 July, continuing a service performed during the Washington phase of these talks in June.
 - f. RPB has drawn increasingly on its expanding file of "War Themes"--carded texts of Soviet and Chinese Communist

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leaders' references to more than 50 themes relating to the nature, likelihood, and consequences of war--in response to queries from consumers. For example, all references by the Soviet leadership to accidental war were culled from this file for the State Department on two hours' notice. During the past month the National Indications Center also used this file in preparing a study of Soviet recuperative powers in the event of nuclear war.

4. The following are among Radio Propaganda Reports and special studies projected or under consideration for publication within the next few months:
 - a. Soviet Outer Space Projects and Programming
 - b. Soviet Provincial Press Treatment of Centrally Distributed Articles
 - c. Problems Encountered in the Administration of CPR Communes
 - d. A follow-up to [] of 22 June 1961, "CPR Historians Seek 'New System of World History'"

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EDITORIAL []

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1. Editors are reminded that all copy containing material in the following categories should be flagged COPY TO LIAISON: mentions of defectors or redefectors; comment on U.S. citizens traveling in communist countries, including statements made by such persons during their travels; information on intelligence methods, espionage, psychological warfare, and subversion; and references to CIA or its personnel.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

GENERAL

1. The use of personal names as headings for briefs is desirable when purely personal information is involved; when the name is incidental to the person's involvement in a subject, the heading should point up the subject.

2. Editors are again urged to clear up ambiguous or otherwise unclear passages in copy before filing. When clarification is impossible, or the item is too urgent to hold for time-consuming clarification, an appropriate editor's note should be inserted as to action taken or intended.

3. In the interests of communications economy it is normally good procedure to indicate by FYI's or editors notes the variations observed in transmissions or broadcasts of the same item, especially when different languages are involved. However, when items are similar in category but vary to some degree in content--for example, individual USSR notes to the Western powers on nuclear testing--each should be filed in full if importance of the subject or complexity of the variations make shortcuts inadvisable. When a great deal of repetitious bulk is involved, the field should inform headquarters of the problem and recommend procedures deemed appropriate.

4. The Technical Information Unit has mailed to all bureaus a list of names of ambassadors which should be integrated in the diplomatic cards as permanent representatives to the United Nations from the various countries specified. Bureaus which have not received copies of this list should notify headquarters.

ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. A scientific basis for reception surveys based on measurement of signals in microvolts per meter and using a standard antenna has been worked out. This has been coupled with a method of recording standard signal samples on tape for headquarters study and comparison with subsequent recordings taken at the same or other test locations. Standard measurements will include site ambient noise levels, signal levels of local transmitters which might be sources of interference, and signal levels of all stations to be monitored at the test sites.

2. Planning has begun on the design and construction of a prototype mobile monitoring unit. The unit will be designed to be transportable by air, rail, sea, and road. Its facilities will include needed electric power and radio communications to the nearest established teletype traffic outlet.

3. Bureaus are reminded that in reporting Communist bloc radio broadcast suspensions or cancellations which may have great political significance, care should be taken to determine whether such programs

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have actually been suspended or merely shifted to new times or days of week. The recent reporting by two field bureaus of the suspension by Radio Peking's home service of Radio Moscow recorded broadcasts, which in reality was a rescheduling and cutback in output, was widely disseminated by Headquarters to the highest level. Later, upon a third field bureau's reporting that the Moscow broadcasts were actually on three days a week during the reported period of suspension, it was necessary for Headquarters' publications to retract the reported suspension. In the future, bureaus covering the same targets should coordinate their efforts more closely to ensure that programs are actually suspended by carefully checking both by direct observation, and where possible, by program previews.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Changes in point of hire, if approved, only authorize transportation to the old point of hire and return transportation to the Bureau from the new point.

2. The following FBIS regulatory issuance were disseminated:

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PERSONNEL NOTES

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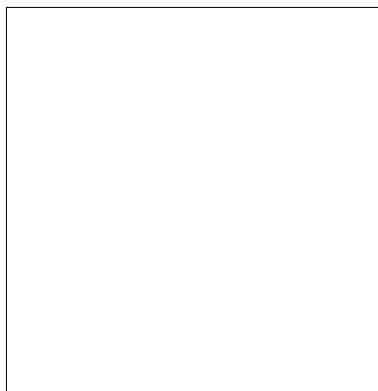
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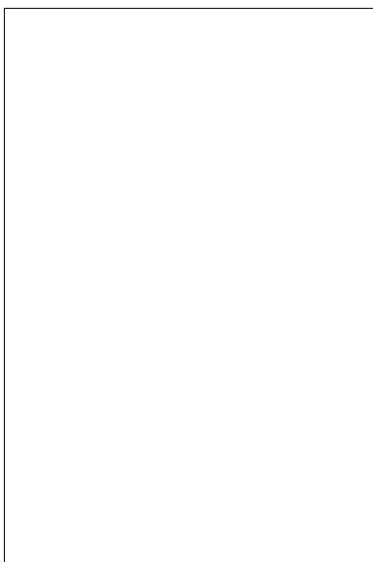
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2. Reassignments



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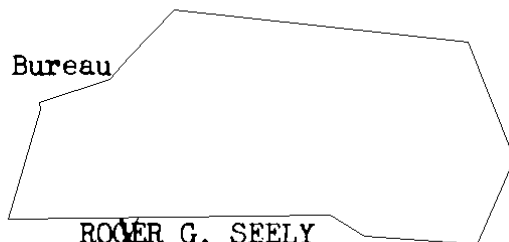
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